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OLDHAM NOMINATED FOR MAYOR and SMITH FOR CLERK

At Democratic Convention Held in Court House Friday Night City Ticket is Nominated.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET

For Mayor, B. D. Oldham
For City Clerk, A. E. Smith
For City Treas. A. W. Skarda.

Aldermen

Ward No. 1, C. A. Scheurich
Ward No. 2, J. A. Nichols
Ward No. 3, Wilkie Carter
Ward No. 4, Paul Mersfelder.

The above ticket was nominated at the democratic convention held in the Curry county court house last Monday night, after one of the most interesting primaries and party conventions ever held in Clovis.

The prohibition question, once having been raised, it was a matter of "get busy" to all parties concerned. A slate was made up in each of the wards, which, with but few exceptions, was elected. The only ward to take exceptions to this system, to any extent, was the first ward.

Following is a list of the names of the delegates selected from each ward, who comprised the convention and the vote each received in the primaries.

First Ward

L. C. Mersfelder	31
K. C. Childers	30
J. Dean	29
John McMinn	29
J. V. Rice	28
H. G. Owens	28
W. Howell	28
Gus Bryan	28
J. P. Noble	28
J. E. Shaw Van	28

Second Ward

D. L. Moye	35
J. H. Singer	15
W. C. Zerwer	19
Frank Burns	16
A. W. Skarda	16
J. A. Nichols	28
Chas. White	16
Ed Mears	13
J. M. Crain	15
J. B. Comer	14

Third Ward

J. Houchen	44
Tom Davenport	48
S. H. Holland	44
Jim Walker	50
Ran Mills	42
Guy Wilson	43
J. Z. Kuhns	42
M. W. Page	39
Ed Gray	43
T. J. Mabry	42

Fourth Ward

Jess Bruner	
Geo. Thompson	
Harry Patton	
Jean Sebastian	
Paul Mersfelder	
Bell	
Tom Yelverton	
H. D. Terrell	
Cathy	
Birdwell	

The third ward passed a motion for the delegation to vote as a unit, expecting by this action to tie the hands of one of the delegates who was allowed to go on the slate, for peace and harmony sake.

The following were nominated for aldermen in the ward meetings and accepted as a whole by

the convention after some opposition.

Ward One, C. A. Scheurich
Ward Two, J. A. Nichols
Ward Three, Wilkie Carter
Ward Four, Paul Mersfelder.

While the ward meetings were interesting, the grand pyrotechnical display of political fireworks, took place at the convention. Harry Patton was elected temporary and permanent chairman and Prof. E. H. Robinson as secretary. B. D. Oldham was the unanimous choice for mayor and A. W. Skarda for treasurer, but a snag was struck when the ballot was taken on the candidate for city clerk. The third ward reported that they were evenly divided and therefore unable to abide by the unit rule. Mr. Mabry then moved that they be allowed to vote separately or that the first ballot taken be accepted as the wish of the delegation. Judge Terrell moved to table Mr. Mabry's motion, which motion was carried and the third ward was excluded from voting in the contest for clerk.

Those nominated for clerk were C. C. Baker, A. E. Smith, "Uncle Dick" Alderson and G. A. Campbell. After the first two ballots, Alderson and Campbell were eliminated and the contest was on between Baker and Smith. Each received fifteen votes for nine consecutive ballots and it looked like a hopeless deadlock, when Baker withdrew and Smith was unanimously nominated. An effort was made at the eleventh hour to compromise by naming J. R. Walker for clerk but the majority had then decided to unite on Smith.

It is practically certain that a citizens ticket will be put into the field which will endorse the nomination of Mr. Oldham for mayor but what it will do in the matter of selecting a clerk is a matter of conjecture, suffice it to say that Mr. Herby is being seriously considered for the nomination.

The Socialists will put a ticket in the field and will nominate R. L. Pryor for mayor and J. C. Davis for clerk. Mr. Davis had already announced for clerk and declares his intention of "mixing it" with the others.

The Boosters' Club

"The Ideal Boosters Club" made up of enthusiasts in the cause of a seven months school term for the public schools, has sent Chief Clerk Rupert F. Asplund of the department of public instruction, a copy of a resolution adopted by the club for presentation to the next state legislature. The boosters live near Clovis and they have a very live wire of a secretary named Marshall M. Neal.—Santa Fe New Mexican.

Arbor Day Proclamation.

In response to a universal call for the conservation of our natural resources; in harmony with the movement to have agriculture taught in every school in the state; and with the desire of arousing in the youth of the land an intelligent appreciation of the dependence of all upon nature, it is important that our State have the opportunity of fittingly observing Arbor Day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William C. McDonald, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority of law and in accord with the spirit of the times, do hereby designate and proclaim Friday, March Twenty-Seventh as Arbor Day.

To be formally recognized in all the schools of the State, and I urge that on this day, teachers, pupils, and patrons unite in such appropriate tasks and exercises as will leave a permanent desire in the mind of each one to become an active agent in the conservation of all useful things, so that the spirit of the day may create a healthy influence in the lives of our boys and girls, leading them to devote not one or two special days in the year to the study of trees, birds, flowers, school gardens, good roads and nature study; but parts of every day, to the conserving and enriching of plant and animal life.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Mexico, at the capitol in the city of Santa Fe, this 13th day of March A. D. 1914.

WILLIAM C. McDONALD
(Governor.)

(Seal)

Antonio Lucero
(Secretary of State)

Oldham for Mayor

B. D. Oldham, president of the Clovis Chamber of Commerce and president of the Texas-New Mexico co-operative Commercial Clubs Association, has been nominated for mayor of Clovis by the democratic convention Monday night and will no doubt be endorsed by the citizens ticket, if one is placed in the field.

It would do Mr. Oldham an injustice to merely state that he is public spirited, has done as much for the upbuilding of Clovis as any man, but we will go farther by saying that he has taken the lead in any and all movements that pertained to the welfare of Clovis and in building and boosting the city. He came to Clovis in its infancy and has since that time occupied the responsible and important position as cashier of the First National Bank. It is said that he has spent more individual money, attended more public meetings, devoted more time and energy to the advancement of the commercial interests of Clovis than any citizen of the town and the News accepts the statement as the truth. The News will stand responsible for the statement that Mr. Oldham will give us a fair and square business administration.

MUCH INTEREST IS SHOWN IN ROAD TO TUCUMCARI

Chamber of Commerce in Meeting Friday Night, Decided to Take Action and Co-operate with the Tucumcari-Midland and Other Towns in Effort to Build Road.

Farmers Are Aroused.

A farmer from the Havener vicinity was in the city Monday and informed the News that the farmers of his neighborhood are aroused to the fever-pitch over the exorbitant rate of taxes on land and are coming in force to attend the meeting of the board of County Commissioners on April 6th at which time the matter will be up for discussion. He says that unless a good substantial reduction is made, there will be something "stirring."

Judge Williams in Clovis

Judge R. N. Williams, of Texico, was in the city Monday to consult his attorney, W. A. Gillenwater concerning his case which grew out of his removal by the board of county commissioners, as justice of the peace and police judge of Texico. Mr. Gillenwater has filed a demurrer to the complaint against Judge Williams and will ask for his immediate reinstatement to the position from which he was unceremoniously ousted and will further ask that all records which were taken from him be returned. Judge Williams threatens to bring an action for damages against the Board if there is a law allowing such action.

Indian Boys to Make Trip.

Two Indian boys, Setting Eagle and Red Fox James will start on March 30th from the Crow Indian Reserve in Montana for a cross country trip on horseback from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean on a boosting expedition for the Lincoln highway. This highway is to cross the continent from ocean to ocean and all states are to have easy access to the great road. These boys are also interested in the introduction of a bill in Congress to be known as "Indian Day" because the Indian was the first American and they invite the co-operation of the public in their efforts to further these worthy enterprises. Setting Eagle is a full blood Crow Indian and Red Fox James is a quarter blood. Both are sturdy young Westerners and were brought up in the saddle.

Miller Here.

Mr. Miller, of Oklahoma City, who formerly was engaged in the dry goods business in Clovis under the firm name of Miller and Kimberlin was in the city several days this week visiting his friend, W. I. Luikart and looking over his property interests which are quite extensive.

L. N. Mullen, representing the American Drug and Press Association who manufacture and distribute the "Mentol" remedies was in the city Monday.

The much talked of north and south road from Tucumcari to Midland via Clovis, was the subject of considerable discussion at the Chamber of Commerce meeting held Friday night.

The Committee composed of Messrs. R. E. Brown, B. D. Oldham, Dr. Clyn Smith, D. L. Moye, and J. F. Taylor, who had visited with the Tucumcari Chamber of Commerce Railroad Committee reported that the Tucumcari people appeared very enthusiastic over the proposition, and that at a mass meeting held during their visit, the people turned out en masse, in such numbers as to pack the isles of the building where the meeting was held.

As previously stated in the News, the towns along the proposed road will endeavor to build the line by bonus subscriptions and to deal with the bond brokers themselves instead of employing outside promoters. This idea was advanced by the Tucumcari railroad committee and it met with the approval of the Clovis committee. At the meeting held here Friday night it was decided to at once charter the road and get up the necessary incorporation papers. For this purpose, a committee was appointed who will get busy at once.

A motion was also made and carried to extend an invitation to the Tucumcari Commercial Club and those interested in the building of the road, to meet with the Clovis Chamber of Commerce on next Friday night for the purpose of further discussion of the project, and devise ways and means to put the plan in operation.

Every business man in Clovis and all those interested should attend the meeting.

Fire At Albuquerque Shops.

The Santa Fe company's store house at Albuquerque, was burned recently with a loss of probably \$40,000. The building will not be rebuilt, as the plans for shops at Albuquerque provide for a new storehouse, which was one of the first buildings to be put up.

The fire originated in the building and in what manner it started is unknown, but is supposed to have been from a spark from an engine. The fire had gained good headway before the fire company arrived, and with a low water pressure little could be done to stop the fire. At one time it was said the flames were likely to reach the oil house, a stone building only 10 feet from the store house; and the crowd that was watching the flames scattered in every direction.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mullen left Monday for La Junta, Colo. to visit relatives.